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*Landscapes for
profit, landscapes
for life*

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In contemporary cities, global finance has taken over land and built space, submitting forms and uses to the logic, rhythms and culture of rent seeking capital. “Landscapes for profit” correspond to real estate financial products which develop over, destroying and displacing existing living places. The lecture will retrieve the political economy of financialization of urban space as well as the corresponding resistance movements. Using examples of different cities in the world, both in the north and in the south, and adopting a historical perspective, the lecture will try to connect architectures, forms of tenure and political power to understand current struggles over the right to the city.